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S.B. No. 710

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an appropriation to the General Land Office for surveying certain riverbed property in Hutchinson and Roberts counties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. In addition to other sums appropriated by the 69th Legislature, the sum of \$300,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the General Land Office for the period ending August 31, 1987, to survey the state-owned riverbed of the Canadian River in Hutchinson and Roberts counties.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

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Committee on Finance
69th Legislature, R.S.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Canadian River, which runs through much of the Texas Panhandle has diverted courses during the last 50 years. With this diversion, questions have arisen about what land belongs to the state and what land belongs to the private landowners that have property bordering the river.

Questions about the property ownership have at times caused confrontations between hunters and state officials concerning where the hunters may legally stalk prey. In addition, the confusion about ownership causes serious questions about mineral rights to arise.

PROBLEMS THAT THE BILL ADDRESSES

There currently is no clear definition between state and private land along the Canadian River. This problem is particularly severe in Hutchinson and Roberts Counties.

HOW THE BILL SOLVES THE PROBLEM(S)

The bill would provide the General Land Office an additional \$300,000 over and above their scheduled appropriations so that the office could conduct an extensive survey of the Canadian River Basin in Hutchinson and Roberts Counties.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1: In addition to whatever the 69th Legislature appropriates to the General Land Office, there would be appropriated \$300,000 from the General Revenue Fund to this agency for the period ending August 31, 1987, to survey state-owned riverbeds in Hutchinson and Roberts counties.

SECTION 2: Effective September 1, 1985.

SECTION 3: Emergency clause.

Rulemaking Authority: None established.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE

March 24, 1985

Honorable Grant Jones, Chairman
Committee on Finance
Senate Chamber
Austin, Texas

In Re: Senate Bill No. 710
By: Sarpalius

Sir:

In response to your request for a Fiscal Note on Senate Bill No. 710 (relating to an appropriation to the General Land Office for surveying certain riverbed property in Hutchinson and Roberts counties) this office has determined the following:

The bill would appropriate the sum of \$300,000 out of the General Revenue Fund for the 1986-87 Biennium to the General Land Office for the purpose of surveying the state-owned riverbed of the Canadian River in Hutchinson and Roberts counties.

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.


Jim Oliver
Director

Source: LBB Staff: JO, JH, SB, BL

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Filed with the Secretary of the Senate

Read, referred to Committee on ~~FINANCE~~

Reported favorably. _____

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

Ordered not printed. _____

Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by

{ unanimous consent.
{ _____ yeas, _____ nays.

To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays.

Read second time and { ordered engrossed.
passed to third reading.

Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

Read third time and passed by { a viva-voce vote.
_____ yeas, _____ nays.

Secretary of the Senate

Sent to House

ENGROSSING CLERK

Received from the Senate

Read first time and referred to Committee on _____

—Reported favorably amended, sent to Printer at _____

Printed and Distributed _____

Sent to Committee on Calendars _____

— Read Second time (amended): passed to third reading (failed)

by (Non-Record Vote) Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays

_____ Present, not voting.

— Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend) by a four-fifths vote of _____ yeas _____ nays _____ present not voting.

— Read third time (amended); finally passed (failed) by a
(Non-Record Vote) Record Vote of _____ yeas _____ nays
_____ present not voting.

— Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

— Returned to Senate.

Chief Clerk of the House